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Scouts On Stamps Take Over

Argentine Single For Pope Pius XII

In a philatelic tribute to Pope Pius XII, Argentina issued on June 20 a single 1 Peso commemorative bearing his portrait and suitable captions.

In an arch above the top of the vignette is "1939 - S. S. Pio XII - 1958", while the denomination is at lower left and the country name across the remainder of the bottom area of the stamp.

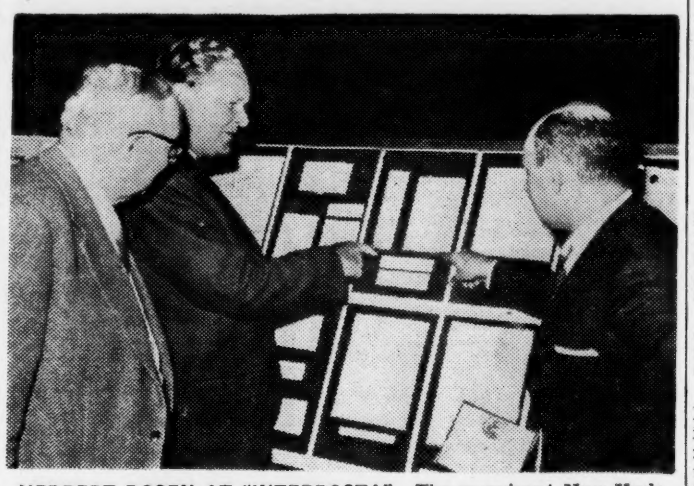
Printing was in sheets of 50 in an edition of three million, by the National Mint. Colors are yellow and black; the engraving was by D. L. R. Bacek.

The Argentine POD has also announced the June 19 demonetization of some 37 stamps issued during the past 12 years.

FD Cancels Feature Old Home, Early Postmark

The pictorial first day cancellation to be used July 4 when the 49-Star Flag goes on sale at Auburn, N. Y. will feature a front view of the home of William H. Seward, long an Auburn citizen. The building is now a museum, according to a Post Office Department announcement.

A facsimile of the cancellation used on Balloon Jupiter mail a century ago, with an August 17 date, will be the feature of the first day pictorial cancellation when the Jupiter airmail commemorative appears August 17 at Lafayette, Ind., the announcement continued.



HERBERT ROSEN AT "INTERPOSTA". The prominent New York collector and postal historian, above at right, is explaining to Edgar Engelhard, mayor of Hamburg an unusual letter written in 1418. Looking on is Otto Wendt, left, Chairman of the Committee for INTERPOSTA. In the frames are selections of Mr. Rosen's famous collection "History and Evolution of the Letter".

Stamps For Poet And Aviation Note Glory Of Hebrew Tongue, Resurgence Of Israeli Nation

Chaim Nachman Bialik, famous Hebrew poet, will be honored on July 22 when Israel's Ministry of Posts issues a 250 pruta stamp in commemoration of the 25th anniversary of his death. According to Jacques Minkus of the Israel Philatelic Agency in America, the 500p. commem noting the 10th anniversary of civil aviation in Israel will be issued on the same day as the Bialik stamp.

Both will be issued in sheets of 20 with five tabs adjacent to the bottom row. The Bialik commemorative will be printed by the photogravure process in greenish brown and dark orange on unwatermarked paper. First day sale will be in Tel-Aviv. The multicolored Civil Aviation issue will be dark and light blue, gray, yellow, and white, on watermarked paper and printed by the photo-offset process. First day covers will be canceled at Lod airport.

The Hebrew Poet Chaim Nachman Bialik was born 1873 at Rady near the town of Jitomir, Russia. He was in business and taught for a time at Odessa. In 1904 he became editor of the Belletristic (literature) section of "Ha-Shiloach", a magazine edited by Ahad Haam.

In 1921 he left Russia, settling first in Germany and in 1924 in Tel-Aviv where he took a leading part in the life of Palestine Jewry. He is considered the foremost Hebrew poet and one of the greatest masters of Hebrew of his generation.

The chief motifs of his poetry

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10-Year-Old Organization Aids Advance Of Both Scouting And Philately On World-Wide Scale

George V. Holland

A mere ten years ago the publication of a book entitled "Boy Scout Stamps of the World", by Harry D. Thorsen, Jr., sparked widespread interest in the topical collecting of Boy and Girl Scout stamps. One reader, Harold D. Bearce, became sufficiently interested to organize a group of collectors and issue a monthly bulletin entitled "Youth Organizations on Stamps" in November 1951.

When Thorsen was later contacted by the group he promised his cooperation provided the organization excluded stamps isued in recognition of communist youth groups, and devoted itself strictly to Boy and Girl Scout Stamps.

This policy was agreed to in December 1951, and was announced in the January 1952 issue of the monthly bulletin. The organization thereafter became known as the "Scouts on Stamps Society" and the bulletin was renamed "S.O.S., Journal of Scouts on Stamps Society".

Because of the international character of the Society, the "Journal" has served from the beginning as the main link between members in all parts of the world. Herbert F. Curthoys, the second president of the organization, has edited the "Journal" since 1953.

After serving six years as president, Mr. Thorsen was elevated in 1958 to chairman of the board of directors. He continues to perform valuable service to the membership by distributing research material and offering other assistance.

Present officers are: president, Herbert F. Curthoys, Buffalo, N.Y.; vice presidents, George V. Holland, Detroit, Mich., Roy E. Rhodes, London, England, and Verne S. Nelson, Provo, Utah; and membership secretary, Frank N. Harris, Elmhurst, Ill.

The society secretary is H. Earl Groves, 20 Woodland Road, Leominster, Mass. Membership applications are available from him.

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Missile Mail Cachet July 8 At Mayport

A souvenir envelope, with appropriate cachet, to commemorate the landing of the First Official Missile Mail at the U.S. Naval Station, Mayport, Fla., will be issued by the Navy at Mayport July 8.

The mail carrying Regulus I Missile was fired by the submarine "USS BARBERO" at sea. It carried about 3000 pieces of mail. No official advance announcement of the proposed mail carrying launching was made; therefore, it is believed that very few of the covers carried on the Regulus will reach the hands of private collectors.

The souvenir cover to be issued by the Navy at Mayport will recall the landing of the missile on June 8 and will provide collectors with an item to mark the event. The cover will have a drawing of the missile and a sketch of the Mayport aircraft carrier facility with the wording "Souvenir commemorating the First Official Missile Mail, June 3, 1959. Point of Landing, U.S. Naval Station, Mayport, Florida."

Collectors desiring copies of the souvenir envelope should address their requests to the Public Information Office, U. S. Naval Station, Mayport, Fla., and should include an unused 4c stamp with each. A folder giving information of the Missile Mail launching and landing and also information about the aircraft carriers and their home port will be enclosed in each envelope. A limited printing of about 3000 covers will be made.

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Japan Notes Metric System, Red Cross

A new regular item and two commemoratives are the latest additions to the stamp world to be reported out of Japan. A 30 yen large horizontal format regular was issued April 1 in dull red purple, after a design by Teizo Kasori. It features the Hoodo of Byodoin Temple. Printing was in sheets of 50 on unwatermarked paper. This stamp replaces the former 24y. item to meet increased foreign mail rates.

With the nation shifting over to the metric system of weights and measures as from January 1, the fact was noted with a 10y. commem June 5. In brownish black and dull blue, it shows a tape measure, glass measure, and delicate balance.

The newcomer was photogravure printed on white unwmk paper, 20 to the sheet, in an edition of twelve million. Saburo Watanabe was the designer.

Still a third new adhesive made its appearance, this time on June 24. Also of 10y. value, it is a tribute to the centenary of the Red Cross. The design shows Red Cross nurses carrying a victim on a stretcher. The official notice of the Ministry of Posts, Tokyo, does not mention the color(s) favored.

The design by Hitoshi Otsuka is being photogravure printed on white unwmk paper, 20 to the sheet, in an edition of twelve million.

AM's 86 And 98 List Four New July Stops

On or about July 1 North Central Airlines will inaugurate airmail service at Ashland, Wis. with usual philatelic courtesies extended by the post office, according to the current "Postal Bulletin".

At about the same time Southern Airways, Inc. will begin service at Bogalusa, La. and Oxford and University, Miss. Again mail will be granted philatelic handling.

Cachets will be provided at all four cities. Collectors may send stamped (airmail rate) addressed envelopes, under cover, to the respective postmasters with the request that they be held for, and serviced on, the flights desired.

Each cover should contain a filler and have the flap tucked in or sealed. Containing wrappers should be clearly marked, "Hold for first flight . . . to . . . on . . . via . . ." to aid in the prompt and correct handling of the contents.

Seaway 4c "Overflows" Post Office Counters

The usual run of premature releases of the St. Lawrence Seaway stamp is being reported. Michael Hubbell of Montour Falls, N. Y., has a June 11 cancellation while Oliver Cook of Worcester, Mass., franked a June 15 letter to Linn's with one.

As has been so often stated in the past, such things are interesting oddities and of no particular extra value—if any at all.

Argentine Airlines Makes Jet Cover Offer

On May 30 Aerolineas Argentinas inaugurated jet service with South America. A limited amount of first flight covers for both the Buenos Aires-New York and New York-Buenos Aires FF's was prepared and is available at the line's New York office. Any interested collector may send 25c plus a large stamped addressed envelope (9½-inch size) for one of the covers, as long as supplies last.

Labor Statue On India ILO Stamp

The famous sculpture "Triumph of Labour" by D. P. Roy Chowdhary has been selected as the main motif of the design for the special postage stamp issued by the Indian Postal Department on June 15, 1959, commemorating the 40th anniversary of the International Labor Organization then in session at Geneva.

The design also bears the triangular seal of the International Labor Organization representing the three partners — workers, employers and governments, an official announcement fom New Delhi has stated.

Standing in a commanding position in front of the National Gallery of Modern Art in New Delhi, the sculptured tribute to the dignity of labor will not fail to catch the eye of a visitor as he enters the main gate.

The present sculpture was executed by Roy Chowdhury under a special commission from the Government of India for making a life-size bronze replica of a small medal which he had exhibited in the first National Exhibition of Modern Art held in 1953. This was awarded the first prize at that event.

Born in the late nineties of the last century, Roy Choudhury was a student of the celebrated artist Abanindranath Tagore. His works received recognition quite early and while still in his thirties, he became the principal of the Government School of Arts and Crafts, Madras, from where he recently retired. At present, Roy Chowdhury is the Chairman of the Lalit Kala Akademi, India's national art academy.

The stamp will be of 15 naya paisa denomination, olive green in color and 45 per sheet. It is printed on all over multiple "Lion Capital of Ashok" watermarked paper by the photogravure process at India Security Press, Nasik.

At the time of posting the preceding information, Dhirubhai Mehta of the Asiastic Hobbiests, Ghatkopar, India, added that advance pictures of the stamp were not available. He did, however, include a small photograph of the statue which many topicalists will accept as highly suggestive of the style of the late American R. Tait McKenzie.

No information is available about any forthcoming stamps. It is however believed that an issue can be expected November 14 for the Children's Day.

A note from the Philatelic Bureau, Bombay, stating that the ILO commemorative would be available only at the Philatelic Bureaus in the country created some misunderstanding. On inquiry at the post office, it was learned that the stamp will be on general sale to the public at all the 100 post office's in Bombay city.

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The public is invited to attend. Frequent free door prizes will be awarded and refreshments will be available. Adequate parking is handy directly across the street from the rear of the church.

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Heroism, Queenly Displeasure Among Fascinating Data Met In Study Of Old Scout Stamps

W. Arthur McKinney

There are three sets of the early Scout issues which can be classed as rarities when compared with the other Scout stamps. The catalog values given for these three are all out of proportion to their availability. These sets are the 1900 Baden-Powell stamps of Cape of Good Hope, the two local issues of Czechoslovakia of 1918, and the 19 overprinted semipostals of Siam issued in 1920.

The three Cape of Good Hope items were issued for local use during the siege of Mafeking. Even though they preceded the organization of the Boy Scout movement by seven years, they are significant as Boy Scout stamps because they appeared as a part of an event which was the culmination of a series of experiences leading to the organization of the movement.

Baden-Powell, from his school days, was interested in woods lore and in people. His military experiences began in India where he at once gained prestige by training young soldiers as trackers and scouts and in the ability to take care of themselves. Much of this training was done by the use of games, a method which he later introduced as a basic procedure in the Scouting program.

The 3d Mafeking siege stamp with portrait of Baden-Powell, bulls-eye canceled May 7, 1900.

Following his experience in India, he was transferred to scouting service in the Middle East and in Russia where he was once captured while on a spying mission from which he escaped. After that he went to South Africa where he saw service against many of the African tribesmen from whom he learned many tribal customs which he incorporated into the Scout program.

While he was in Africa he was recognized as an accomplished scout both by the British and by the native Africans. It was during this period that he, himself, began to realize the importance of this scouting training on young men in civilian as well as in military life.

At the outbreak of the Boer War, Baden-Powell was ordered to organize a frontier force to aid the British regulars and while doing this he was suddenly surrounded in the small town of Mafeking by a Boer force of 9000 men. He found it necessary to utilize every means and every person to withstand the siege.

Because of the small size of his own command, it became largely a matter of wits and courage. In order to release man power for the defense of the town, boys were organized to act as messengers between the town and the outposts. For such messages and without Baden-Powell's knowledge, two stamps were prepared each of which carried his picture.

Baden-Powell himself, ordered a third one issued which showed Sergeant Major Goodyear, one of the boy messengers on a bicycle. I recall how much of an impression this bicycle stamp made on me as a boy. At that time it was used frequently by stamp advertisers to appeal to the youthful trade.

These three numbers are the granddaddies of the Scout stamps because later on Baden-Powell made use of these military scout training techniques in the scout movement of which he was the founder.

These stamps are listed by Scott as Cape of Good Hope Nos. 178-180 and by Minkus as Nos. 17-19 of the Mafeking series. The pair using Baden-Powell's picture is of two sizes: 6072 were printed of the smaller size with only 3036 of the larger. There were 9476 of the bicycle stamps printed.

When Queen Victoria of England heard of the success of the valiant officer and the beleagured force she gave him an immediate promotion in rank. On the other hand, while there is nothing officially recorded to indicate the fact, rumor has long existed that she was not too well pleased with the stamp episode with any portrait other than her own theron. Historians have long pondered this incident, without arriving at a conclusive answer.

The second of the early Scout issues was printed in 1918 by the Revolutionary Party in Czechoslovakia. Just prior to the birth of the Czechoslovakian Republic in October 1918, the various organizations within the city of Prague were assigned to take over certain responsibilities.

The Sea Scouts were given the job of distributing official mail from the National Committee of Liberation to the police, the city hall and various city officials. For this purpose two stamps were printed, a 10 balern value and a 20. Gibbons lists them as Czechoslovakia Nos. 1 and 2. Each carries the inscription "Posta Ceskych Skautu" (Czech Scout Post) and "Ve Sluzbach Narodni Vlady" (In the Service of the National Government).

Each Scout who served in this project registered his signature with the headquarters office and copies of the signatures were circulated among a number of the key officials. As the Scout delivered the letter, the receiver paid the fee and signed the envelope or the receipt book which was carried by the Scout, by whom the envelope was returned to headquarters.

A rubber stamp was usually used to precancel the stamp with "NV" in a circle. On the day that President Masaryk arrived in Prague, December 21, 1918, these stamps were overprinted "Prijezd Presidenta Masaryk" for use on letters on that day only. These overprints are the real rarities.

The third set in the early Scout issues was the first Scout emission in the semipostal class. The "Wild Tigers" was the name given to the Boy Scouts of Siam, the organization at that time being sponsored by the government.

In order to help finance the camping program of the organization, the post office issued special overprints on some of the regular stamps in use between the years 1906 and 1919. The overprints appeared in 1920.

Three different were used each of which included a tiger's head. 19 stamps were included in the set. Scott lists them as B12-B30 of Siam. In Minkus they are Thailand Nos. 190-208.

While none of the later sets of Scout stamps has reached the state of rarity enjoyed by these early stamps, many of them can be secured only by considerable shopping around. The growth of interest in collecting Scouts stamps will undoubtedly create continued demands for all Scout issues.

Ten Stamps In Three New Sets From Laos

Laos has scheduled a set of four stamps for release July 15, according to C. Mouchan, Box 261, Vientaine, Laos. Of symbolic nature, the newcomers will depict race, religion, the monarchy and the constitution.

Printing will be in multicolor on white paper without watermark, after designs by Chamnane Prisayane. Values of 4, 6.50, 9, and 13 Kip will feature King Sisavang Vong, the Flag, Buddha and the Temple, and the Constitutional mark.

The colors of the new quartet are in order; red, blue, and burnt sienna; red, bistre and blue; red, light and dark green; and red, violet and bistre.

Further plans, as reported by Robert L. Boske of Manchester, Conn. include a set of four August 1 to pay tribute to arts and crafts, and a third set of six values October 10 publicizing national monuments.

Values of the August 1 foursome will be 1, 2, 3; and 5K., while the subsequent sextette will be 50c, 1.50, 2.50, 7, 11, and 12.50K. It is also reported, Mr. Boske added, that a set of three high values was released by neighboring Cambodia on May 18, having a total face value of $43 in that nation's currency. Further details are not yet known.

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How Big Is The Stamp Business ?

That is quite an intriguing question. I believe that there are very few men in the stamp trade who could get very close to a fair estimate of the total volume in dollars and cents.

I have recently come into possession of such an estimate which is made by a man who I believe is in perhaps as good a position to make such an estimate and make it about as accurately as any other man in the trade could make. It makes interesting reading and study. I believe that both dealers and collectors would enjoy seeing these figures and later on will publish them.

GEORGE W. LINN

Before doing this however, I would like to ask any other dealer or collector or anyone associated in the stamp trade in any manner to make his estimate. It will be most interesting to know what others think on this subject and when and if I can have estimates from several sources it will be very interesting to compare them.

I feel certain that an estimate that is any way near the correct figure will greatly surprise most collectors and dealers.

When we ask the question "How Big Is The Stamp Business" we mean what is the total dollar and cents volume; annually, this figure to include everything associated with and a part of the stamp trade. That is, how much is spent for subscriptions to stamp papers, how much for albums, accessories, packets, approval sales, direct sales from advertising, auction sales, etc.

In order that each person who cares to take the trouble and time to make an estimate may cover the same ground that has been covered by the man who made the estimate that I have before me, I am going to print below a resume of the seven different groups into which he has divided the business in order to make his estimate and ask that you make your estimate based on the same grouping.

However, I am also adding two other groupings to his original estimate for I believe he has overlooked a very important feature and one that runs into very big money and is definitely a part of the stamp trade although not for stamps or accessories or other items as in his original estimate. You will find these two new items listed as (H) and (I) in the following list of groupings as made by the original estimator:

ESTIMATED ANNUAL GROSS RETAIL STAMP SALES IN THE UNITED STATES

(A) Suppliers of albums, catalogs, packets, acessories, first day cover envelopes, stamp publication subscriptions, etc.
(B) U. S. Philatelic Agency sales (their figures), at face.
(C) Foreign new issues, including agencies in U. S. such as UN, Ghana, Israel, etc. (at retail).
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(F) Retail stamp sales — standardized approval dealers.
(G) Miscellaneous stamp sales — private sales between collectors, "vest pocket" dealers, stamp club sales, agents and experts services, etc.
(H) Cost of advertising in recognized philatelic publications.
(I) Cost of advertising in magazines and newspapers, not recognized as philatelic publications.

For ease in preparing your estimate you need not copy the whole of the above listing. Merely write the initials "A" to "I" and put your figures after each initial.

Even collectors who want to ponder this matter are welcome to make an estimate; in fact, I would welcome their interest in this little experiment and believe that many of them will be as much interested in seeing the final result as any dealer will be. Dealers should be especially interested as the final figures may be such as to arouse them to the vast market that is here for those who can deliver the goods.

We hope that many people will take a shot at our question as asked in the headline over this editorial. Let us set the deadline for answers or estimates at July 15.

Postage Stamps Becoming Extinct

Can you imagine anything like that? Well, we have a correspondent in a certain Central American country who is quite fearful that just that is on the way in his country. We have a long letter explaining the situation and can readily understand his fears and his explanations as to just what is happening. We have asked him to write an article for publication on this matter and anticipate having the same for early publication.

If you could read the letter we have we believe you would be quite likely to agree with him in most respects. However we seriously doubt if it will come to pass that postage stamps become totally extinct. We just can not admit that any country could get along without them entirely, but we can readily see where it can become possible that so few of them will be used that sufficient quantities can no longer be recovered after use to make up large packets as has been the custom in past years. It could thus come about that the unused stamps of the country could be cheaper to collect than fine used copies, especially of the higher values.

Memo From The Agence Philatelique Haitienne

ABRAHAM LINCOLN SESQUICENTENNIAL ISSUE

Because of unusually heavy demand the Lincoln First Day of Issue will be postponed to May 12, so sea transported supplies can arrive.

Orders for souvenir sheets will be filled on a one to one basis until May 12, and after that on a one sheet to two or three sets basis providing the 20,000 quantity printed lasts.

The above is a complete quotation from a memo from the Haitian Philatelic Agency. Originally this Lincoln issue was announced for issue on April 28. According to the above memo the date was changed to May 12 in order that the supplies coming by ship could arrive before the date of sale so that all who had placed orders could be supplied.

As you will note, the souvenir sheets were offered one sheet with one set. There was no attempt to hijack the collector and the Haitian Agency should be highly commended for its decent and honorable offering of these stamps. If certain disreputable governments should learn that this is the only honorable way to do business, the collectors would be more likely to support their stamp issues. Incidentally, these are the most attractive Lincoln stamps we have seen.

SMILEATELICS . . by Bob Rieker

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Aug. 26 Soil Conservation 4c, Rapid City, S. D. (50 per pane, 120 million).

Aug. 27 — Petroleum Industry 4c, Titusville, Pa. (120 million).

Aug. 27 — Third Pan American Games 10c, Airmail, Chicago, Ill. (40 million).

Sept. 14 — Dental Health 4c, New York 1, N. Y. (50 per pane, 120 million).

Sept. 29—Ernst Reuter "Champion of Liberty" 4c and 8c, Washington 13, D. C. (4c, 70 per pane, 120 million; 8c, 72 per pane, 40 million).

Details as to denomination, color and printings will be announced when available.

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C53 — Alaska Statehood Airmail 7c, Juneau, January 3.

1113 — Lincoln 1c commem, Hodgenville, Ky., February 12.

1124 — Oregon Statehood 4c, Astoria, Ore., February 14.

1125-26 — San Martin "Champions of Liberty" 4c and 8c, Washington, D.C. February 25.

1114 — Lincoln 3c commem, New York, N. Y. February 27.

1037 — Hermitage 4½c regular, Hermitage, Tenn., March 16.

1127 — NATO 4c, Washington, D. C. April 1.

1128 — Polar Exploration 4c, April 6, Cresson, Pa.

1129 — Peace Through Trade 8c, Washington, D. C., April 20.

1059 — Hermitage 4½c coil, Denver, Colo. May 1.

1116 — Lincoln 4c commem, Washington, D. C., May 30.

1045 — Harrison 12c regular Oxford, Ohio, June 6.

1130 — Silver Centennial 4c. Virginia City, Nev., June 8.

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1131 — St. Lawrence Seaway 4c, Massena, N. Y., June 26.

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Sept. 21 — 5c airmail postal card, 7c airmail envelope.

Oct. 23—4c and 9c UN Trusteeship Council.

Dec. 10 — World Refugee Year.

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Philately can be of an invaluable nature in Merit Badge and Religious Award work in Scouting. Its possibilities apparently have either been investigated none too thoroughly by Scouters, or have been ignored.

The Scout Religious Award requires the construction of a permanent project. In many cases, boys working on this award have been busily engaged in drawing maps, making models of churches, altars, and the like.

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U.S. NOTES

Carl P. Rueth

I was able to have a pre-first day look at the St. Lawrence Seaway and Silver Centennial commems via a cover sent by Emmett Peter, Jr. of Leesburg, Fla. The release date for the former was June 26 and for the latter was June 8. Both were on the cover, postmarked June 7.

These are two good-looking stamps — the Seaway stunning in its red and dark blue, and the Silver with its captivating design and superb engraving. Neither need take a back seat anywhere in the world.

Another way over par piece of philatelic art is the 4c Lincoln released May 30. I believe it might be said that all three of the Lincolns (1c, 3c and 4c) were easy on the eyes. What a shame that the fourth one, the Lincoln-Douglas Debate of last year, is such an artistic stinker.

Of those to come, judging by the pictures from the POD, the Soil Conservation ought to be a honey, while the Balloon Jupiter will have to be seen in its two colors before an opinion can be formed.

To date, I'd say the Post Office Department is doing the best, design-wise, that has been performed for years and years. The Arctic Exporation and Alaska are probably the weakest art to this time.

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1. What rivers are named in the design of the Oregon Territory commem of 1936?

2. In 1960 a commem will be issued for the Winter Olympic Games at Squaw Valley, Calif. When and where did the U.S. issue a similar stamp when the Winter Olympics were held in this country?

I don't know what it takes to convince you people — some of you at least. I refer to the Catalog Numbers placed before the issued stamps in the Stamp Program appearing on page 4 each week. Just recently these were changed again and apparently this fact has ruined the philatelic lives of readers who have been told our policy on this many times in the past.

The numbers now printed are those from the most recent edition of the "Scott's Monthly Journal", the publication which supplements the Scott Catalogs with current information. What we have is "bible" — dealer lists and other data to the contrary. We try to keep the data right to the minute; when you see a change, take it in stride and try to believe that it is based on the latest information available.

Some readers would like to have us supply the catalog information, and a resume of stamps issued previously in the year, for the United Nations and Canada. Much as we would like to do this we only have a certain space for this news and it is all occupied by the superabundant U.S. program. We will probably have to go to a smaller type size as we did last year, if the USPOD don't lay off the new stamps soon.

Moe Luff, the postal slogan expert and slogan cataloger of New York City, writes —

"In reference to your item in your column of June 8 about Thomas Paine, it might be of interest to your readers and the 'number of folks' interested in a Thomas Paine commemorative, that there was a slogan cancellation used from June 6 to July 4, 1950 in Morristown, N. J. which read, 'THOMAS PAINE MEMORIAL CELEBRATION, JULY 4, 1950'. This is No. 5750 in the Slogan Catalog."

Another letter writer, J. J. Dauby of Miamisburg, Ohio, had Uncle Sammy deliver the following note to my mailbox.

"As I read your column of May 4, I expected you to refer to the four stamp designs (Dental Health essays) on the page. As I looked at them I began to like the one which you later identified as by van Krimpen. I thought it would have been even better without the wording at the bottom. When I finished the column I was surprised your comment agreed. Then I asked my wife which of the four she liked best. With no comment she pointed to the van Krimpen.

"I believe we should be on the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee. I'll nominate you, and you can nominate us!"

T/Sgt. Hal A. Barfield stationed in Honolulu, Hawaii would like to get FDC's cancelled with a single stamp on them — that is of the lower value ones, not enough in face to carry a piece as first-class mail. The only recent instances of such a problem are with the 1c Lincoln of February 12 and the 2½c Bunker Hill. The 3c Lincoln paid the freight for a postal card — you don't have to have an envelope for something to be considered a FDC.

Sgt. Barfield would like to have, for instance, but one of the 1c or 2½c on the address side of his covers rather than the block or pair. He suggests that perhaps the balance of the rate could be put in stamps on the reverse side as they do in many foreign countries and cancelled (not possible under present postal regulations), or that such "single stamp" items could be returned in self-addressed, stamped envelopes.

The latter all boils down again that you can't have a dated postmark unless you have first-class mail, and you can't have first-class mail unless you affix the proper postage. I can't conceive of the Department giving in to such suggestions. It does everything reasonably possible to keep collectors happy; it would be unfair to ask that something be added to the many tasks and problems now encountered with first days.

Wonder who's putting something over on whom! The POD publicity release relative to the issuance of the 49-Star Flag stamp on July 4 stated it would have the day of issue at Auburn, N. Y., "the birthplace of William H. Seward, the Secretary of State in the Lincoln and Johnson cabinets." The 49th star represents Alaska and that is how our second last state figures in this hassle.

Rep. Katharine St. George, who apparently knows the local history, informed the Department with some aspersion that Mr. Seward was born in Florida, N. Y. She did not argue however with the fact that the Secretary of State spent most of his life in Auburn.

It is said that the POD brass has promised the people of Florida to give it a "second day". That will indeed be a rare distinction since all the other 36,000-plus offices in the nation will share it!

There should be some very red faces in the editorial offices of the "Postal Service News", published monthly by the Post Office Department for the information and interest of the Postal Service as a whole It made some pitiful errors in an item titled, "May Milestones in Postal Progress". The obvious ones are —

"May 1, 1841 — Adhesive stamps introduced". (Should be May 6, 1840).

"May 1, 1873 — First postal cards issued". (Should be May 13, 1873).

"May 20, 1927 — Pilot Charles Lindbergh flew first oceanic mail". (Lindbergh carried no mail).

"May 1, 1928 — Registered mail service established". (The Registry System for U.S. Mail went into effect on July 1, 1855).

Some thoughty and generous people have provided additions to my collection of souvenir pieces of first days of issues of new stamps. S. H. Mason of Altoona, Pa. used one of the National Park Service's "Lincoln Memorial" brochures. He had the 1c Lincoln affixed to the back cover and postmarked at Hodgenville, Ky. the day of issue, while on the front the 3c and 4c Lincolns were placed and cancelled on the release day of the latter.

Rev. Dorrance Nichols of Bloomsburg, Pa. sent along one of the official dedication programs when the Catawissa, Pa. post office was opened for business on June 6. It bore the Flag stamp tied with cancel. His Bloomsburg Stamp Club (he's head man) sponsored a cacheted cover for the dedication of which they have a few unaddressed remaining (25c each postpaid).

Belmont Faries of Washington, D.C. affixed the new Lincoln 4-center to the brochure "The Lincoln Ideals" as a fine souvenir of that first day. In connection with the World Trade 8c of April 20, which had no official program, he tied the stamp with the FD cancel on the Congress Program of the International Chamber of Commerce which met in Washington at that time; the "events" Program of the same group; and the "annual report" brochure of the Chamber.

Alfred Pocock, president of the Miami University Stamp Club prepared one of the schools stunning sesquicentennial souvenir books with the new 12c Harrison stamp released there June 6.

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1. The Columbia and the Snake.
2. A 2c on January 25, 1932 at Lake Placid, N.Y.

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The recital is that of a 50-year resident of the South who hailed originally from Buffalo, N. Y. His sympathies are compatible with the story he tells; General Hubbell might well inscribe "C. S. A." after his signature on the frontispiece of the volume.

"Confederate", to repeat the author's foreword, tells an old story in a different and rather new manner—from the historical material which an ardent specialist acquires in any early postal field, rather than from orthodox research sources. He begins at the age of ten, in 1885, carries through his early life in New York, and moves along fluidly to the past half century in his adopted home state, Georgia.

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Stamps In Limelight At Illinois State Fair

Whether one is a stamp collector or not, the philatelic section of the Illinois State Fair to be held at Springfield, Ill. August 14-23 should be a "must" on his Fair visit calendar, according to Arthur Faucon, superintendent of the huge spectacle.

Unusual features will be on hand for casual stamper, dealer, advanced philatelist, or just the plain curiosity seeker, the official continued. Additionally, for the exhibitor there is a total of $308 in prize money, plus ribbons and other awards. Usual classifications will be in effect, with two junior sections covering 11-15 years and the tot-through-10 brackets.

The displays will be slanted a bit toward the "non" rather than the "addict", Mr. Faucon continued, saying he anticipates heavy interest in the topical section. A prospectus, entry blank and general information regarding the stamp section of the fair may be obtained on request from the Illinois State Fair, Springfield, Ill.

Scouts Ask Design Ideas For New Stamp

The Post Office Department, when announcing the February 8, 1960 release of a commemorative to mark the 50th anniversary of the founding of Scouting in America, also advised the officials of the Boy Scouts that the Department would welcome suggestions for the design of the proposed adhesive.

Readers of Linn's, members of Scouts On Stamps Society, and any other interested collectors, artists or friends of Scouting and philately are included in the general invitation. Ideas and sketches should be submitted to John I. Thorpe, Boy Scouts of America, New Brunswick, N. J. before September 1.

In the meantime, Scout stampers are laying plans to issue an official first day cover and cachet, full details of which will be publicized in due time.

Lancaster Bids For John Wise Postmark

Lancaster, Pa., long the home of balloonist John Wise whose century ago flight will be commemorated August 17 at Lafayette, Ind. is feeling slighted in connected with the new "Jupiter" stamp. This is the report of Donald Greenawalt of the Pennsylvania city.

Lancaster had hoped to be named as one of two first day cities for the new commemorative, but its petition was turned down by the Post Office Department.

Mr. Greenawalt reports that the Philatelic Society of Lancaster County is now seeking to have a special cancellation honoring Wise put on all mail sent from the Lancaster post office during the month of August. The result of its efforts will be duly announced in Linn's.

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279	.29	498	.06	579	1.85	680	.18
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THE VATICAN MADE UP FOR LOST TIME by issuing two sets of stamps May 25. One, a pair, noted the 30th anniversary of the Lateran Pact, while the other was a six-value tribute to the Valerian Martyrs. Values of the Lateran set were 30 and 100 Lire; of the Martyrs, 15, 25, 50, 60, 100, and 300L. Covers were sent by A/2c Donald R. Dale who is stationed in Italy; E. Pagnini, Box 207, Rome; and Vittorio Lo Bianco, New York City.

"I Like Scouts On Stamps"

Ches Talens

Speakers referring to "veteran philatelists" do not have me in mind. Me, I've been collecting only the past five or six years, but I have advanced out of the beginner class. During that time I managed to buy a good showing of United States, Canada, Newfoundland, also Israel and many others of the recent "popular" issues.

Somehow, though, my interest began to taper off. I don't know, but maybe the stamps of Ghana or Canada or the "hot" countries I tackled just didn't mean too much to me because they were not particularly in the form of human effort for the living. UN issues measured up for a while, but in time, they, too, lost their glamor.

I wanted to collect in my own way those stamps that were closest to me, that did something to my heart—something that I could touch and feel, that would stir in me a feeling of goodness and living at the very sight of the things. Surely, I thought, there must be something in all the world of stamps that would revive in my mind the feeling of youth personified which once was mine.

Scouts On Stamps have proved to be that field of collecting I had long hungered to know. They are the answer to my want. I know now, after delving into the topic for a while, that when my collection is completed it will be something worthy of great pride in ownership and huge satisfaction to the creator of it. Stamp collecting being what it is—the thrill of the elusive—the two countries still missing from my albums may keep me from attaining my goal for a long time to come.

Whenever I look at my Scouts On Stamps a feeling of happiness and something of pride comes over me. Fond memories revive—you see, I was a Scout over 40 years ago, just as my 12-year-old son is today. I only hope that he now enjoys Scouting as much as I did in "the old days"—and that the next 40 years may bring to him the happiness I now enjoy with my memories, and my Scouts On Stamps, and my son at my side studying them with me!

For these bits of paper bespeak to me a great service to mankind, a benevolent influence in practically every country that belives in freedom today. They represent the youth of the world and its future. They shout aloud of the benefaction of those who in the past gave of their time, their thought, their money, to attract, to instruct, to inspire, to lead the plastic minds and bodies of millions of lads ever onward and upward.

Yes, to me Scouts On Stamps is a living topic. It means everything, and I can recommend the field to anyone who wants his collecting to come alive. The following list of Scout Stamps of the world, compiled by Milton Klein, Atlanta, Ga., Harry D. Thorsen, Winnetka, Ill., and George Holland, Detroit, Mich. will be helpful to anyone wanting to start such a collection.

Listings show country, issue, Scott number(s), Minkus number(s), and occasional notes. Items marked with an asterisk (*) denote complete sets, not all Scout issues:

Australia—1948; 216, 290. 1952; 249, 324.
Austria—1951; 569, 1320; Also imperf black color proof.
Bahrain—1957; 115-17, 118-20; Overprint on Great Britain.
Belgium—1957; 455-6, 1263-4.
Brazil—1954; 802, 978. 1957; C87, 1032.
Bulgaria—1942; 410, 543. 412, 545. 409-13*, 542-46*.
Canada—1955; 356, 450.
Cape of Good Hope (Mafeking)—1900; 178-80, 17-19; Baden-Powell on two stamps (before founding Scouts)
China (Formosa)—1957; 1165-7, 307-9.
Cuba—1954; 535, 714. 1957; 565, 801. C152, 802.
Curacao—1957; B28-30, 395-7.
Czechoslovakia—1918; ——, L1, L2; Also Zumstein Cat. Nos. 1-4 (3-4 overprinted. Also color proofs of 1-2).
Dominican Republic—1957; B6-10, 681-8. CB4-6, 689-90. Also souvenir sheets.
Dutch Indies (Indonesia)—1937; B30-1, 333-4.
Egypt—1956; B13-15, 606-8; Also souvenir sheets.
Finland—1957; 346, 507.
France—1939; Postal Card. 1947; 587, 967; Also color die proofs.
Great Britain—1957; 334-6, 446-8; Also in coil strips.
Hungary—1925; B85, 590; Also imperf. B80-87*, 585-92*; Also imperf. 1933; 481-5, 726-30; Also imperf. 1939; 551-4, 825-8; Also imperf. 1940; B110, 836; Also imperf. B110-12*, 836-8*; Also imperf. 1941; B132, 862; Also imperf. B131-4*, 861-4*; Also imperf.
Indonesia—1955; B83-7, 1012-16.
Iran (Persia)—1950; 937, 971. 935-40*, 969-74. 1956; 1052-3, 1113-4. 1957; 1073, 1138.
Jamaica—1952; 150-1, 160-1.
Japan—1949; 467, 501.
Korea—1957; 245-6, 251-2; Also souvenir sheet.
Liechtenstein—1932; B12-13, 145-6.
Liechtenstein—1932; B12-13, 145-6. B11-13*, 144-6. 1953—270-3, 387-90. 1957; 315-6, 446-7.
Lithuania—1938; B47-50, 428-31.
Luxembourg—1957; 324-5, 790-1.
Muscat—1957; 76-8, 86-8; Overprint on Great Britain.
Netherlands—1937; 206-8, 397-9. 1949; B195-6, 644-5. B194-8*, 643-7*.
New Zealand—1944; B24-5, 444-5. 1953; B42-3, 495-6. 1959; ——, ——.
Nicaragua—1949; 718, 1540. 717-29*, 1539-51*. C307, 1563. C296-308*, 1552-64*. 1957 778-82, 1691-5. C377-86, 1696-1705; Souv. Shts. 1706-7.
Pakistan—1958; ——, 121-2.
Philippines—1948; 528-9, 743-4, 528A, 529A, — —; Also imperf. 1954; 608-9, 842-3; 1957; 637, 882; 637A, ——; Also imperf.
Poland—1938; 334, 450.
Qatar—1957; 16-18, 16-18; Overprint on Great Britain.
Romania—1931; B26-30, 567-71. 1932; B31-6, 599-604. 1934; B44-9, 639-44. 1935; B50-4, 655-59. 1936; B63-5, 688-90.
Syria (UAR)—1958; C4-5, 742-3.
Thailand (Siam)—1920; B12-30, 190-208; Also post cards.
Turkey—1958; 809, 1224. 805-10*, 1220-5*. 1946; RA105, 1441; RA101-8*, 1437-44*. 1949; RA143, 1551. RA139-46, 1547-54*.
United States—1948; 974, CM316. 1950; 995, CM337.

Lo Bianco Adds Late Italian Region Details

The issue for the new radio station of Vatican City, located at Rome-St. Mary Galeria, will be released July 1, according to Vittorio Lo Bianco, Inc., of New York. It will consist of two values, 25 and 60 Lire.

San Marino, the oldest independent republic in the world, will take part in honoring Abraham Lincoln by releasing a set of four postage and one airmail commemoratives July 1, a spokesman for the firm continued. Values will be 5, 10, 15, and 70L., with the air a 200L. item.

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Revenues, Helicopters, Cancels

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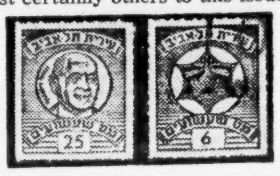
Tel Aviv's Municipal Revenues

We have just received, for the first time, a representative group of the Tel Aviv Municipal Revenue stamps, and list these for the information of interested collectors:

1st Issue — Apparently typographed, on unwatermarked paper, and rouletted in color: 6 pruta rose red, insignia of Tel Aviv; 25pr. blue unidentified portrait; (there are most certainly others to this issue).



Provisional—10pr. on 6pr. Overprint is handstamped carelessly in blue; all kinds of double, inverted and other overprints can be found.

2nd Issue—Insignia of Tel Aviv. Numerals added in black by separate operation. Rouletted. Values are: 5pr. yellow and red violet, 40pr. violet and gray, 50pr. orange and light blue, 60pr. red orange and pearl gray, 150 pr. orange and violet, 500 pr. orange and blue.

Provisional 30pr. on 5pr., handstamped overprint.

3rd Issue—Insignia of Tel Aviv and stylized water, unwatermarked, perforated 11½: 100pr. bright green and violet, 200pr. yellow and yellow green, 250pr. orange and red violet, 400pr. lilac and blue.

All of the issues are very crudely printed, and various flaws and such may be found.

First Helicopter Flight

Israel's internal airline "Arkia" conducted its first helicopter flight May 15. The event was marked with a special cancellation and appropriate cachets.

Commemorative Cancellations

There has been a number of commemorative cancels reported for April and May:

April 13 (Jerusalem)—7th Bible Conference: sponsored by the Israel Society for Bible Research (2000 members, 21 branches) and attended by 2000 persons, including several Christian clergymen. Lectures were presented by 35 biblical scholars, with a welcoming address by Israel's Prime Minister.

April 14 (Rishon Leziyon)—Agricultural Exhibition: several such exhibitions have been in progress in various parts of Israel.

April 19 (Jerusalem)—50th Anniversary of Jerusalem's Hebrew High School.

April 26 (Beer Sheva)—25th Anniversary of the Histadrut, Israel's National Labor Federation. The Histadrut is not only a federation of labor unions; its owns many industries outright, and has played a major part in building up both Israel's major political organization, the Mapai (Labor) Party, and Israel as a whole.

May 5 (Jerusalem) — Israel's Memorial Day of remembrance for victims of the Nazi terror. This is the third formal Memorial Day for the six million Jews who died at Hitler's hands.

Ceremonies were held throughout Israel, with special programs at two settlements named after heroes of the Jewish resistance: Lohamei Hageta'ot north of Haifa, and Yad Mordecai, in southern Israel.

The Jerusalem ceremoney was held under the open sky on Jerusalem's Memorial Mount (Har Hazikaron), and was addressed by Israel's President and Prime Minister.

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His biblical epics, partly of a symbolic character, express a romantic and idyllic mood. He was one of the first to compose nursery and popular songs in Hebrew. In his early years he wrote Yiddish poetry. He also wrote Hebrew novels (Aryeh Baal Guf, Me Achore ha-Geder).

As president of the Vaad Halashon (*Hebrew Language Committee) and as publisher he contributed much to the modernization of the Hebrew language. He died, while staying for treatment at a Vienna hospital, on July 4, 1934.

The designer of the stamp, Gabriel and Maxim Shamir were born in Riga (at that time Tzarist Russia). They were still at school when at the end of World War I, Riga became the capital of Latvia. They studied graphic arts at Berlin and were conspiciously successful even while still students.

Civil Aviation — Upon the liberation of Haifa the state operated an airport which had been held by British forces, and on the establishment of the state, an Israel civil administration was set up for civil aviation.

This marked the beginning of the organization of the Civil Aviation Division of the government, which developed in the course of time into an important division supervising airports and related technical branches.

Lod Airport reopened for traffic in November 1948; the Air-France, KLM and Czech airlines resumed flights. They continued to use Dakotas, but gradually reverted to Skymasters and later to Constellations.

Sabena, TWA, SAS and all the other airlines which formerly operated in Palestine began to use the airport again. In the summer of 1949 El Al Skymasters undertook the first flights to Europe.

Israel now has air agreements with the United Kingdom, Belgium, France, U.S.A., Turkey, the Philippines, Holland, Switzerland, Austria, Greece, and South Africa, and also has special agreements with Italy and Germany.

Nine international airlines, including El Al, now operate in Israel. SAS discontinued operations April 1, 1958, but on the other hand several airlines increased the number of their weekly flights. The British BEA began to operate in Israel in 1957 jointly with the Cyprus Airlines, maintaining five flights a week.

In 1949 Israel adhered to the AICO and concluded several international treaties regulating international aviation. Internal air traffic is mainly on the Lod-Eilat route, though lately there has been added the Mahanayim - Tel-Aviv route.

The Lod-Eilat route was established February 27, 1950. ARKIA is the only internal airline to operate a regular air route. In 1957 the charter company AVITOUR began to organize charter flights within the country and the destinations abroad.

Lod Airport — Several improvements have been made to the airport since it was taken over in 1948. These include the repairing and lengthening of the runways, the expansion of the main building, and other structural repairs designed to meet the requirements of the airlines and increasing passenger traffic.

El Al Israel Airlines Ltd. — El Al which is the State of Israel's executive arm for air communications, was incorporated in 1949. The government of Israel is its principal shareholder, and has a casting vote in all its affairs.

In July 1949 international routes were opened between Lod and Paris, Zurich, London, and Rome. El Al now operates 11 international routes which link Lod with most capitals in Western Europe, the U.S.A. and South Africa (the connection with South Africa is through chartered planes).

The company began with two Skymasters, but from 1950 onwards it acquired Constellations, and by 1953 four of the company's Constellations were registered as civil aircraft.

It was later decided to buy the Britannia planes acquired by the El Al airlines, which achieved world speed records in transatlantic flights.

Arkia — The Arkia Co. was incorporated in 1950 as a partnership between the Histadrut (which was the holding company of Messrs. "AVIRON") and the El Al airlines, with the object of developing internal air communications and providing a regular air service to Eilat.

The company also plans to establish routes from Haifa and Galilee to Eilat, and undertakes chartered flights to destinations abroad. It will shortly commence helicopter flights, and maintain regular service to Jerusalem.

Avitour had, on its incorporation in 1957, one 10-seater Dov. In 1958 the firm acquired a 4-seater Consul. The company engages in air excursions and in irregular flights within the country and to destinations abroad. In addition to the civil airlines operating in the country, mention should be made of "KIM AVIR" and "MEROM", which spray and fertilize fields from the air.

Paul Kor, the designer of the Civil Aviation stamp, was born in Paris 38 years ago. When in 1940 the Nazis occupied Paris, young Paul fled to Swtizerland where he found refuge in a children's home. After leaving school, he studied sculpture and graphic art in Switzerland and later under Paul Colin in Paris.

Mr. Kor is not exactly a newcomer to postage stamps, having designed the stamp on the TABIL airmail cards (issued in 1957 on the occasion of TABIL International Philatelic Exhibition in Tel-Aviv).

SCOUTING
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Today the Society has about 650 active members, the majority of whom are volunteer and professional Scouters interested in the topical collecting of Boy and Girl Scout stamps, first day covers, cacheted event covers, seals, and slogan meters.

Many members are veteran Eagle Scouts, while some, in addition, hold Scouting's coveted Silver Beaver Award for distinguished service to boyhood. Although Scout membership is not required for membership in the Society, it is required for election to office.

In the past 59 years, 40 countries have issued close to 180 Scout stamps. The peak year was 1957—the 50th anniversary of the international Scouting movement—when 17 countries issued 56 such commemoratives.

To date, SOS has held four conventions in connection with World and National Scout Jamborees. The conventions give members an opportunity to show their collections, swap Scout items and make personal contacts.

The first one was held in Santa Ana, Calif. in 1953; the second in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, in 1955; the third at Valley Forge, Pa. in 1957; and the fourth at Sutton Park, Coldfield, England, also in 1957.

The fifth convention will take place at the tenth world jamboree July 17-26 in Makiling National Park, near Manila, Republic of Philippines. The SOS meeting has been listed in the international program of events, where 11,000 Scouts from 50 countries will camp together.

The sixth convention is being planned for 1960 at Colorado Springs, Colo. during the National Boy Scout Jamboree marking the 50th anniversary of Scouting in America.

Collectors interested in the general SOS field and activities may contact Mr. Groves at the address given, or Mr. Thorsten, 387 Sunset Rd., Winnetka, Ill. for details. They will also find helpful material in such Boy Scout stamp booklets as these, if available:

"Boy Scout Stamps of The World", by Harry D. Thorsen, Jr. Chicago, Redson-Rice. 1949. Pp. 32. (Out of print).

"Boy Scout Stamp of The World", Harry D. Thorsen, Jr., and W. Arthur McKinney. Vol. I. Chicago, Redson-Rice Corp. 1955. Pp. 49.

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Union of South Africa — In connection with the festivities which are being arranged by the S.A. Akademie vir Wetenskap en Kuns, Stellenbosch, to celebrate its 50th anniversary, a datestamp specially engraved with the words "S. A. Akademie vir Wetenskap en Kuns, Stellenbosch 24-29 July, 1959" will be in use at the Festival Hall.

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Reflections — Bahamas 1/- value of 1863: Shortly after the outbreak of hostilities between the North and South, Union warships commenced a blockade of Southern ports from the Chesapeake Bay to Texas. Naturally the South answered this challenge with fast light blockade runners, many built in England, and designed to circumvent the patrolling Northern ships.

The Bahamas, lying close off the American mainland and populated by many Americans with Southern family connections and sypathies, rapidly became a base for stores and supplies consigned to the Confederacy. Agents and representatives of commercial firms established offices in Nassau and before long these activities were reflected in an increase in postal business and stamp requirements.

Thus we find the Bahamas Colonial Secretary, C. Mesher, in a letter dated November 20, 1862, requesting a stamp of higher value than hitherto furnished and suggesting a one shilling value in green, of similar design to the lower values.

The necessary arrangements were made with De La Rue, who by-passed the request for the Chalon design and, instead, produced the surface printed profile head of the Queen engraved by Jean Joubert. In the course of his work, Joubert engraved heads of the Queen with several different diadems. The one selected for the new stamp was diadem VI, consisting of ball, thistle and Shamrock.

This new Colonial Die "B", as it came to be called, was the second diadem used for the Colonies, the first being that used on the Sierra Leone 6d of 1859. Other diadems can be noted on the early stamps of Ceylon and British Honduras. The head most frequently utilized, however, was the new Colonial head "B", of which the Bahamas shilling was the first.

The stamps were typographed in sheets of 240 subjects, being separated by gutters into four panes of 60 (6 x 10). A marginal inscription "One quarto sheet containing 60 stamps" was placed on each pane. The first printing consisted of 47 sheets containing 11,280 stamps. It was consigned to the Colony July 25, 1863.

According to Harold G. D. Gisburn in his handbook "Postage Stamps and Postal History of the Bahamas", the first consignment and several immediately following were perforated 14 on the government machines of the Inland Revenue Department at Somerset House.

At a later date Da La Rue perforated additional supplies themselves on their own machine which gauged 12½. The actual date of the operation is not known. At a still later date the perforation again reverted to 14 and about 1876 De La Rue put their own perf 14 machine into service and subsequent printings were perforated on this.

Obviously the chonological listing of the two perforations in the stamp catalogs is incorrect, as the perf 14 was the first to be used. Although exact figures of the number of perf 12½ stamps prepared is unknown, they are quite scarce as the machine was used only for one consignment.

The paper originally used was the "Crown and CC" type which was probably introduced late in 1862 or early in 1863. When the dandy roller was changed to "Crown and CA" in 1882, the shilling value appeared with the new watermark. A later printing in 1898 produced a definite shade of blue green.

Several paper varieties are known as the range varied from the thin paper of the first (1863) printing to a thick paper used in 1880. The blue green shade of 1898 has been printed on white and also on yellowish paper.

The "Crown and CC" watermarked stamp exists imperforate but was not issued in that condition, and "Specimen" overprints are known in blue and black lettering. Color trials of the "Crown and CA" issue were prepared in eight colors. The issued stamp saw service for 39 years, being replaced by the Edward VII value December 18, 1902.

Catalog prices show the relative scarcity of the perf 12½ stamp (Scott No. 15) which listed at $85 mint in 1955 and $110 in this year's edition. The price advance of No. 19 has been more modest — $1.25 in 1955 and $1.75 in 1959, due to the fact that 160,080 stamps were printed, less the few thousand which were perforated 12½.

Of the two listed varieties with "CA" watermark, No. 22 was priced at $1.75 in 1955 and is now $4, with No. 23 unchanged at $2.50.

Suggested further reading: "The De La Rue History of British and Foreign Postage Stamps" by John Easton and the previously referred to book by Gisburn.

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3	.45	15	32	.55	22	63	.12	02	111	.10	03	153	.34	.22	186	.38	.22
4	.45	.30	33	.85	22	63a	.12	02	112	.28	.22	154	1.85	2.25	187	.90	75
5	.55	15	34	.42	06	64	.12	.06	113	.08	.03	157	.06	03	188	.10	02
6	—	.45	35	.55	.06	65	.15	08	114	.06	02	158	.18	18	189	.10	.08
7	1.80	.98	36	.55	.12	66	.06	03	115	.34	.18	159	.06	02	190	.24	.24
8	.90	22	37	1.80	45	67	.06	02	116	.10	.02	160	.18	.14	C1	.28	.18
9	1.90	.28	38	1.35	.22	67a	1.10	1 20	117	.30	03	161	1.00	.45	C2	.68	48
10	—	.28	39	1.35	.38	68	.06	02	118	.30	12	163	.06	02	C3	.55	.45
11	5.00	1.80	40	3.40	38	69	.18	05	120	.30	03	164	.18	18	C4	1.95	—
12	14.25	5 25	41	3.40	.34	70	.38	08	121	.45	32	165	1.00	.85	CO1	2.00	.45
13	22.50	11.25	42	4.20	.38	71	.15	03	122	.55	05	166	.05	02	M1	.12	.15
14	56.50	37.50	43	—	2.25	72a	.30	02	124	1.35	.30	167	.08	.02	M2	.08	.06
15	135.00	67.50	44	22.50	5.25	73	.38	03	125	.55	.06	168	.30	12	M3	.10	.08
17	.15	.15	45	.38	05	74	.55	06	126	6.75	1.00	169	.08	02	M4	.24	28
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19	.12	.03	47	.38	.06	76	1.80	.55	128	22.50	5.25	170a	2.10	.08	M6	1.00	1.50
20	.12	03	48	.90	08	94	.08	03	129	72.50	14.50	171	.15	02	M7	3.20	6.00
21	.14	02	49	.38	06	94b	4.50	—	130	.12	.03	172	.15	05	O1	1.10	.45
21b	—	.45	50	.75	03	95	—	.28	131	.30	22	173	.22	02	O2	—	1.50
21c	—	.30	51	.85	08	95b	2.00	—	132	18.50	13.50	174	.22	02	O3	.55	.03
22	.14	05	51a	2.60	1.80	96	.55	08	133	.12	.03	176	.30	10	O4	1.95	08
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8F	—	.35	42F	—	.85	77F	.35	.20	113F	.55	12	164F	2.75	1.40	3	.08	03
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PART III

Spain, like Portugal, gets things accomplished, but it is generally after a pattern, a model of living which allows for a moderate pace. In both countries, and depending in which one you are, business, especially the stores, comes to life at 8:30 a.m., stops dead at 12:30 or 1 p.m., and remains untouched until 3 or 3:30 p.m. during the siesta. It then continues until 7 to 7:30 in the evening. We had to get used to this way of doing in the early part of our European trip, and we found it wasn't hard to take — all except nearly starving until dinner was ready!

In Portugal, if you plan to eat the evening meal when you do at home — say between 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. — the restaurant will be able to serve you. However you will upset routine, and you will probably be in the midst of an empty dining room barring the appearance of another hungry American. In Portugal, the diners begin to make their appearance close to 9 p.m. and in Spain the knife and fork work has its busiest time from around 10 p.m.

Should you get the impression that no one can sleep right after a large-scale full meal of five courses, perish the thought! I never saw a bleary-eyed, lacking-for-sleep-citizen of either country; and all we had to do was get our heads on the pillow.

We further became enthusiastic boosters of Portugal's demi-tasse — the first try of this super-strong coffee loosened my scalp considerably. But it never ruined sleep, and we had it often, including afternoon pauses at the many sidewalk restaurants. The coffee is imported directly from the Colonies and is not ground until ready for the boiling water.

Spain was the only nation where there was a slight pause going through customs. It seems that guns (the political set-up) and certain luxury items (if they are to be gifts) are undesirable. Things for personal use bring no questions and the customs officials are helpful and courteous in passing you through.

It was also the only nation where one had to declare how much money (of all kinds) he was bringing into the country, and on departure, how much he was taking out. Spain was the only country where one was profitably ahead buying his Pesetas before he crossed the border into it. Outside you could get 57 for the U. S. dollar, but inside only 41!

The airports and railroad stations all over Europe have exchange banks where one can convert currencies of any kind. Also on the trains, when you have reached the station across the border in a new country, a "currency exchange" man goes through the coaches converting what money you want at the moment into that of the present place. Wherever you convert, the rate is stable, except Spain, as mentioned.

Madrid is a beautiful and bustling city. I suppose we saw more of it than the average resident bothers to see in a lifetime.

The government, under Gen. Franco, is doing some wonderful things for the people. There is evidence everywhere of trying to provide advantages and better living for the Spaniards. Few outsiders realize the severe damage the country suffered during the civil war — remember how our own United States took years coming back from the one we had?

The University in Madrid is now well along to completion. This is a stunning campus, measured in square miles, with beautiful buildings and the most modern teaching and laboratory equipment. In the civil war much of the heavy fighting in and around the city was carried on in the university area. Bombings, artillery shells, dynamitings and fire reduced the school to rubble. With its restoration Franco has redeemed one of his notable pledges to the people.

Our hotel, the Palace, was just across the street from the world famous Prado Art Museum, and a few jumps from the building of the Postal Administration. Unfortunately, the postal official who has the say so in the matter of cooperation in a special Spanish edition of Linn's, was in Rome on business. Describing the museum or its treasures is beyond words — you have to actually see them.

Should your gadding around ever take you to Spain, you will hate yourself for the rest of your life if you do not make the trip into the Guadarrama Mountains to see the Valle de los Caidos (The Valley of the Fallen). Stamp collectors were given a partial view of this magnificent memorial on the 80c commem the nation issued on April 1.

It has been in construction for a number of years, and still needs many months for finishing. But the important interior work is practically done and most all of the outside formwork. This is another Franco project. It will contain the bodies of all the men and women who fell in the civil war on both sides, Falangist and communist.

Workmen went into the solid rock of the mountain building a tremendous tunnel through it. On the side seen on the stamps is a colossal memorial hall with fine tapestries, and mosaic work in the walls and ceiling. There are other art objects and items of military significance.

At the top of the mountain, which is above the center of the tunneled out area, is a giant stone cross. Directly beneath this cross, down in the heart of the mountain, is a cathedral of much beauty.

The tunnel continues on through to the other side where is a new monastery of rather large size, and of simple beauty. It was built as a part of the memorial project for the Order of Benedictines who have the responsibility of saying Mass, and keeping up a continuous chain of prayers for those buried here.

The dead are interred within great vaults carved from the solid rock inside the mountain.

On the day we visited the Valle de los Caidos the cross could be seen fleetingly. Clouds swirled around it continuously, but one had the feeling that it rose above them into clear skies maintaining a liaison between the dead and heaven.

This memorial is one of the great tourist attractions of the world.

Another trip of pleasure was to the Escorial, also in the Guadarramas, approximately 27 miles northwest of Madrid. It began its existence in the 16th century as a palace for its builder, Philip II. Through the passing years it has also been a mausoleum, church and monastery. As of today it is a monastery as well as a national monument preserved and maintained by the government.

In its massive stone walls, as substantial and solid today as four centuries ago, are a great number of objets d'art, royal antiques and the demonstrations of kingly living. There is a beautiful church with priceless furnishings, vestments and sacred vessels. There are also guards to discourage the light-fingered from the antique and artistic treasures!

Spain is one country where there are many "bargains". As in the other countries we visited shopkeepers were courteous, and definitely anxious to serve. In the larger cities most of the stores have one person who can maintain a basic English conversation. There is no price-haggling because everything is marked with a price-tag just as in the U.S. You take it or leave it.

As an aid to its back-country home handicraft workers, the government has established stores in a number of the cities where all this handwork is presented for sale. Generally it is about 35% less costly than in the privately-owned stores. It isn't a problem of what to buy — just the contrary — and you do have to use will-power. While we avoided the obvious souvenir stuff like the plague, the native merchandise of quality, wherever we went, was hard to resist.

Again in Spain the doll collection, and the mug collection got additions!

We found one buyer-resistance-softening practice in Spain we will vote for if the idea is ever presented in this country. Say you are browsing in a store — you see something you want and call the clerk. The clerk sends some kind of signal to the manager's office whereupon he appears with a tray on which are familiar objects, and the foolish-to-us question of, "Will the Senora and Senor have a sherry with the compliments of the house?"

The Senora and Senor would, and generally always did, since Spain is famous for its sherry, and the storekeepers serve the best there is. You sip as you continue to browse and buy, and they go all out keeping the bottom of the glass covered. We never got "high"; we never came near going broke; and never have we had such fun shopping!

Both Spain and Portugal are being "discovered" by American tourists. They have been neglected by our wandering Yankees for years and years but now these countries are coming into their own. We found it hardest to get by the language barrier in both places since learning English hasn't been of much advantage to the citizens, and they never had the presence of GI's, as other nations did, to spread our language.

In a few more years this will be changed as the tourists flock in. In any event, however, we did not have any real difficulties being understood by anyone — the man in the street, taxi drivers or others. Just look desperate and frustrated and they'll help you through!

If you haven't tired of this trip by now — it is the third instalment, beginning with the account of Interposta in the June 15 edition — come back next week. Frankly, I didn't know I'd be so long with the typewriter. If you can hold out, I know I can.

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"Once a Scout, always a Scout" is borne out by the life of Eagle Scout Paul A. Siple of 1928, shown at the left on the above cachet, and also as Dr. Paul A. Siple, scientific leader of the 1958 International Geophysical Year South Pole Expedition, at right. The Boy Scout commemorative of 1950 as franking rounds out the Scout emphasis of the cover.

Paul A. Siple Covers Proclaim 30 Years' Philatelic Story Of Another Scout Who Made Good

E. Maclay Gearhart

There is so much to write about Eagle Scout Paul A. Siple of Erie, Pa. who went with Admiral Byrd on all his Antarctic expeditions and developed into Dr. Paul A. Siple world renowned scientist who served on the World Geophysical Committee and who was in charge of the IGY station at the South Pole 1957-'58, that this must be but a glimpse of the philatelic side of his exploits—the covers emanating from his various trips to Antarctica.

My first Paul Siple cover is postmarked "U.S.S. New York Feb. 19. A.M. 1930" and is backstamped with the cachet of the First Byrd Antarctic Expedition. It contains a letter from Eagle Scout Siple.

The next cover, and one I prize highly, is postmarked "Little America, Antarctica. Jan. 30, 12 M. 1935" with a handwritten corner card reading "Queen Maude Rge. Gel Party, Camp Innes-Taylor, M. H. Weaver, Thorne Glacier, Antarctica, Dec. 9/34 L. 86 58.2. L.151 W." Enclosed is a note reading: "Dear Doc, I thought you might like one of these actually written from Quin Blackburn's farthest south. Paul".

This cover is franked with the 3c II Byrd Expedition stamp and on the back it shows the cachet of this expedition. It is autographed by both Paul A. Siple and Quin Blackburn. Only five of these covers came out. Five others were prepared by Dr. Louis H. Potaka, the physician of the expedition, and were franked with New Zealand stamps.

My second most prized one is one franked with a full souvenir sheet of the II Byrd Expedition stamp. It is postmarked "Little America Jan 30, 12 M, 1935. and on the reverse shows the cachet of this expedition. By special arrangement I sent six of the souvenir sheets to Paul by Charles Anderson, whom the Post Office sent to Antarctica to supervise the cancellation of the mail. In all I hold 13 covers of this expedition, each slightly different from the others.

From the 1947 Operation High Jump, a cover shows the cancellation: "U.S.S. Bear, Feb. 1, 1947". Others from this expedition are marked with the cancellation of "U.S.S. Mt. Olympus" and the official cachet.

The latest addition to my collection is canceled "Pole Station, Antarctica, U.S.N. Jun. 22, 1957 U.S. Navy Operation Deep Freeze". It bears the IGY Cachet. All my covers are autographed by Paul A. Siple.

While Paul was on his many trips to the Antarctic I kept in close touch with him and, although opportunities for an exchange of mail are few and far between, I am exceedingly proud of the display I have.

Incidently, if anyone desires to have a REAL item let him try to secure a cover sent TO and delivered TO a member of any of these expeditions. They are far more difficult to find than those coming out of the Antarctic. None of the expedition members bothered to bring out his old mail, baggage space being very limited—and who wanted old letters any way? I have several such covers returned to me by Paul.

The first in a series of covers from events associated with Paul are those issued for his welcome home. They were sponsored by the Erie Council Boy Scouts of America. The Boy Scout Band and some members of the Erie Council, and Paul's family went to New York and met him at the dock. They also took part in the "ticker-tape parade" welcoming Admiral Byrd and his party.

When Paul arrived home a grand welcome awaited him. Many Scout Troops from other Councils participated in the parade. In the evening a banquet was tendered in the Lawrence Hotel which I had the honor of MC-ing. The cachet on mail for the occasion reads "Official Home Coming Reception honoring Eagle Scout Paul A. Siple on his return from Antarctica, Saturday, June 28, 1930 Erie, Pa."

A similar cover was issued on the occasion of Admiral Byrd's visit to Erie. This cachet reads "The Erie Council Boy Scouts of America. the home of Eagle Scout Paul A. Siple, welcomes Rear Admiral Byrd, March 24, 1931." My cover is autographed by both Paul and the Admiral.

On August 25, 1930 Paul and Admiral Byrd attended a Scout rally in Indianapolis, Ind., and addressed the groups. A cachet was used "Indianapolis Boy Scouts welcome Commander Richard E. Byrd and Eagle Scout Paul A. Siple from the South Pole. Aug. 24 & 25, 1930".

Another from Battle Creek, Mich. reads: "Battle Creek, Michigan welcomes Eagle Scout Paul A. Siple of South Pole fame, to the Health City. Feb. 12, 1931."

My last cover in this group is from Chicago. It shows a picture of Paul as an Eagle Scout in 1928 and beside it another picture showing him as the "scientific leader at the South Pole". The inscription reads "Chicago welcomes Dr. Paul A. Siple, National Council Meeting Boy Scouts of America May 16-17 1958. Chicago, Ill." It was designed by Harry Thorsen, Jr.

My own introduction to Paul Siple occurred in May 1923. I had taken a group of Scouts on a Nature Hike to Presque Isle Peninsula. One lad was interested in everything. He carried a notebook in which he put down what he saw. From that day he and I have been close friends—he was Paul.

So you understand why I was not surprised when he was chosen from all the Scouts in America to go with Commander Byrd to the Antarctic, or when he was appointed biologist and taxidermist for the expedition. But my greatest thrill came when I had the opportunity to talk with him by radio when he was in Antarctica in 1928.

In spite of his international fame Paul had not changed—only matured. Several weeks ago I spent an evening with him and his wife, Ruth, and some of his college chums. I will never forget that evening; it was a revelation. But with all his honors and fame he is still the Boy Scout I knew so many years ago.

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Robert Baden-Powell On Stamps Of The World

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Perhaps in our lifetime we may discover that no other man has been honored on stamps by more different countries than has the founder of the Boy Scouts, Lord Robert Baden-Powell. Already by 1957 nine different countries had pictured him on 18 postage stamps from 1900 to the present time. Many more nations honored him in 1957 by issuing stamps for the 50th anniversary of his founding the Scout movement as well as the 100th anniversary of his birth.

In 1900 during the siege of Mafeking (Boer War) in South Africa, Colonel "BP" was first pictured on an improvised stamp, made to amuse the garrison as well as for local use postage. The town was besieged for 217 days, all men and boys were pressed into service and by the ingenuity of "BP" the defense was successful.

Letters were delivered by heroic boy messengers who risked their lives during the bombings to provide bicycle mail service. On April 10, 1900, just 40 days before the town was relieved, there were issued two different sizes of stamps picturing Baden-Powell. They were alike and each the three pence value.

Of the smaller size (18½mm wide) 6000 were photographically printed from glass negatives; of the larger (21mm wide) 3036 were produced. The various shades of dark blue copies indicate different exposures on sensitized paper.

Also printed in the same manner were 9476 stamps picturing a boy messenger known as Sgt. Major Goodyear, who could be considered as the first Boy Scout. Here Baden-Powell was impressed by the many "good turns" performed by his cadet corps and the great value in keeping these youth busy on worthwhile projects.

These stamps are listed under the Cape of Good Hope in various catalogs in the following order: bicycle messenger, small BP, large BP: Scott, Nos. 178-79-80. Gibbons, Nos. 17, 18; 19, 20; 21, 22. Minkus, Nos. 17-18-19.

The Baden-Powell stamps today are quite scarce and command full catalog prices if in good condition. When found on original envelopes, they are auction items, but must be canceled between April 10 and May 18, 1900 to be genuine. These are truly philatelic museum pieces or "covers" for both Scout collectors and specialists in British colonial stamps.

Not until 1953 did BP again appear on a postage stamp issued by a government. Then Liechtenstein, one of the smallest countries in the world was selected for the location of the 14th International Boy Scout Conference in which professional Scouters meet.

This country reproduced the founder's photograph on four different postal values of the same design on backgrounds of tiny Scout badges. A hand is shown giving the Scout sign.

All the stamps were sold in sheets containing wonderful marginal designs with a Scout hat, neckerchief, slides, knots and BP's South African wood beads. The latter was an award to native Africans for tribal honors which became our founder's symbol for the Wood Badge training awards.

In 1957 the following countries pictured Lord Baden-Powell on one or more of their postage stamps:

Belgium—The 4 francs value is printed in a single green color, with the founder's image centered on a large Scout badge background and the dates 1857-1957. The other stamp in the set is the 80c gray. It shows the Boy Scout and Girl Scout badges.

Brazil—The airmail 3.30 Cruzeiros magenta shows the Chief Scout, the Brazilian Boy Scout badge in the central design, and a smaller Girl Scout badge in the lower right corner. Wording is "Centenario Do Nascimento Baden-Powell".

Cuba—This airmail 12c is gray in color with lettering in white under the Chief's picture which reads "Lord Baden Powell, Founder de Los Boy Scouts 1857-1957".

Iran—The 20 rials value is green and brown, with BP's head framed by five Scout badges, the outside border having 48 smaller badges roped together. The anniversary wording appears below the central photograph in Persian while the words "Iran" and "Baden-Powell" are in English and Persian.

Liechtenstein—A humorous caricature of BP in his wavy brimmed campaign hat is found on the 20 rappens stamp in brown ink. A sprig of leaves is referred to as the "heraldic design" in their official post office bulletin.

The other stamp in the set is blue black, symbolical of Scouts in a "torchlight procession". Printed in small sheets of only 12, every other stamp is the 20 or 12rp. value so that adjoining pairs are found se-tenant.

Luxembourg—A profile portrait of Baden-Powell is shown on the 2fr. stamp below which are two Scout badges of this country's two divisions of its Scouting organization. Colors are olive and orange brown. The other stamp in the set is the same design except for the colors of reddish violet and blue violet, with the two different Girl Scout badges.

Netherlands Antilles — Three stamps of different colors and values honor BP with his image encircled with a wreath. The two values on each copy indicate semi-postal meaning that the smaller amount was collected to benefit Scouting and the larger figure for the postage.

The 6c plus 1½c is orange yellow; 7½c plus 2½c, dark green; 15c plus 5c is red. Small Scout emblems appear in each of the four corners. The founder's name and "1907-1957" are below the central design.

Nicaragua—By far the largest number of Scout stamps in this year was printed by this Central American country. Fifteen stamps in three sets recognize many phases of the movement, three of which show the Chief Scout.

Two of these are the same design except for color and value; 1 cordoba airmail stamp, in maroon and dark green, and the regular postage 25c in maroon and blue.

Both show BP in a circled photograph and the Scout badge of Nicaragua. The anniversary wording has the dates "1856-1956" incorrectly. The 4c airmail has BP's head in an oval; however, the central design is the badge surmounted on a portion of the globe of the world.

Many different envelopes were printed during this Jubilee year for use with stamps honoring Scouting's founder, many of which were sold to raise funds for local Scout organizations. Collectors who like to trade duplicate Scout covers can be located by correspondence, by attending national or world Jamborees, or by joining Scouts on Stamps Society, International.

This society has 900 members in 40 countries. It also issues a monthly news letter bulletin. Small adlets in Linn's and "World Scouting" could also help one to buy, sell or trade Scout stamps and covers for neckerchief slides, badges, handicraft, or Scouting photographs and handbooks.

No matter how you approach this collecting hobby, you surely make friends and have fun!

(Editor's note: The author's son Bruce Thorsen age 15 will be a Jamboree Scout representing the U.S. this summer in the Philippines. He is an Eagle Scout and Senior Patrol Leader of Troop 14 in Winnetka, Ill.).

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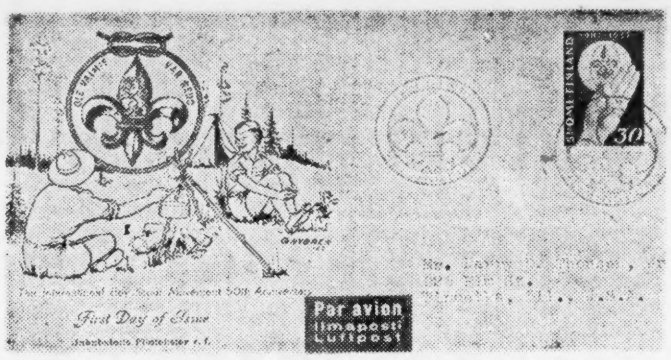

When the International Boy Scout Movement turned the half-century mark two years ago, many nations paid it tribute by issuing special stamps. One such was Finland, with the 30 Markka blue item shown on the above cacheted first day cover.

Scout Event Covers Provide Tantalizing Chase

Sheldon S. Levy

One of the many interesting and attractive features of collecting Scouts on Stamps items is the intensive search necessary to uncover even a few of these elusive articles. The longer the battle, the sweeter the victory. The longer the search; the more satisfying the find—a maxim even truer when dealing with Scout cachets of the United States.

Nevertheless hidden treasures are waiting to be unearthed; quick profits or a commanding position in trading are the fruits to be gained by the discoverers of duplicates. But be forewarned! The faint of heart and the easily discouraged must surely fail.

As a practical matter, there remain only a few worthwhile sources for this sort of material. The run-of-the-mill dealer will usually have nothing on hand along these lines, but will be glad to reminisce with you about the good old days when he was "loaded" with Scout offerings.

If such a dealer does manage to get hold of some cacheted Scout covers, he has a waiting list of favored customers to whom he can peddle what he has at high prices. Some dealers who specialize in first day and other types of covers, do have basic Scout cachets in their stocks.

Be not completely discouraged, however; there are still at least four good methods of adding interesting and valuable Scout cachets of the United States to your collection.

One obvious means is to bid competitively at recognized auctions on large cover lots in which you have fortunately found a few Scout covers. (And a few is usually all that you will find, if that. Blind bidding will, therefore, be quite disappointing).

The second procedure is a comparatively simple one. By following the news items in Linn's and in the Scouts on Stamps Society International Journal, you will be able to learn about the forthcoming special cacheted Scout covers. You will then be able to purchase them, direct from the original source, at from 10c to 20c apiece—quite reasonable.

Trading is the third process by which Scout cachets can be obtained. Normal trading at local stamp clubs will usually produce poor results.

However, by joining the Scouts on Stamps topical society, you will be advised as to when groups of philatelists who specialize in Scout stamps and covers, will be meeting in your locality.

Attendance at one of these gatherings cannot fail to be fruitful. Even if you are short of trading material, other Scout collectors often have duplicates for sale at exceptionally fair prices. Trading by mail will also produce satisfactory results.

The final system for securing cacheted Scout covers is the most fun, the most rewarding, and, of course, the most tiring. Briefly, it consists of attending stamp shows, large and small, haunting dealer after dealer for your wants, and spending hours searching through large lots of dedication and special events covers in the hope of finding a few Scout items.

In order to do this, you will have to be at the show early, make your search thorough, and beat out other Scout collectors who are doing the same thing. Nevertheless, it is by this method that worthwhile covers often can be bought quite cheaply.

You are probably all familiar with the ending of the Scout Oath; ". . . to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight." In your search for Scout cachets, a similar pledge would be helpful. Happy hunting!

(Editor's note: Mr. Levy in pursuing his Scout cachet activities has amassed a considerable amount of information on the subject which he has incorporated in an excellent catalog, "Boy Scout Cachets of the United States". Interested SOS and cachet fans may query him at 697 West End Ave., New York 25, N. Y. for further details).

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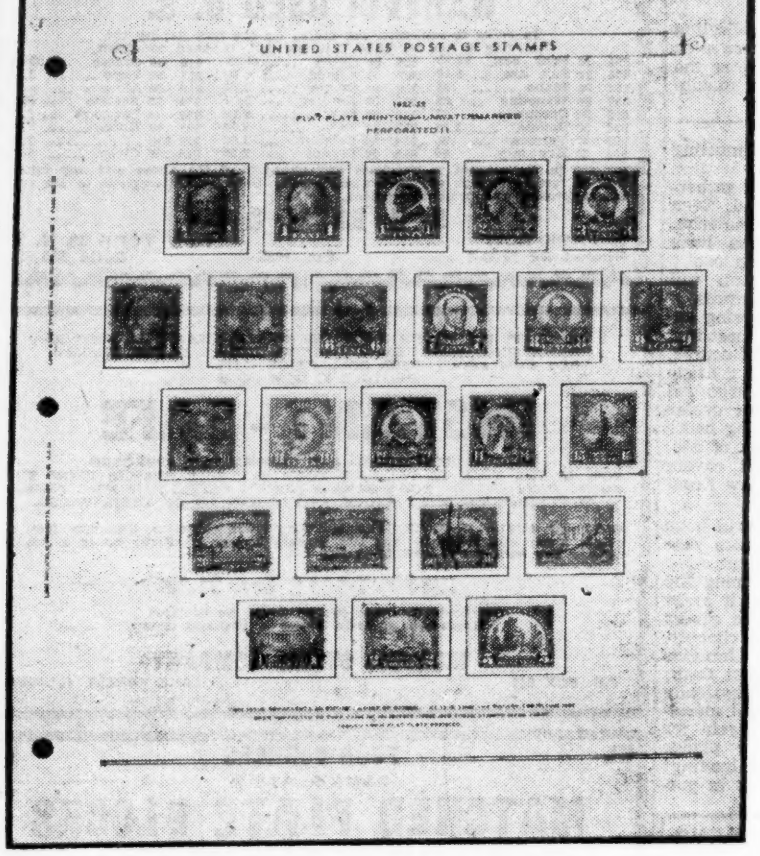

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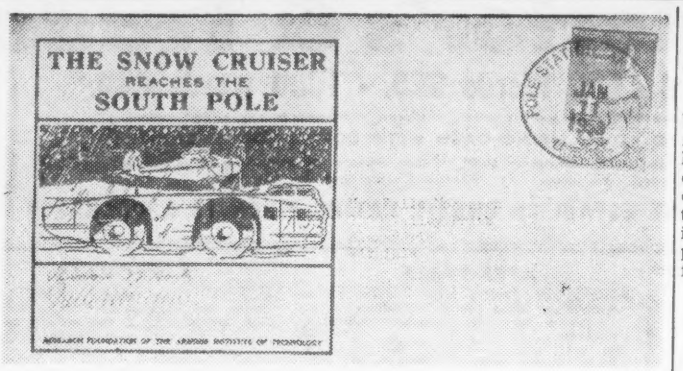

GHOSTLY VOICE FROM DISTANT PAST. Polar enthusiasts who "have been around" for a long time will recognize an old friend in the above cover even though franked with a recent stamp. Taken to the Antarctic in 1937, a few were left with the "snow-cat" and duly recovered on a recent expedition, franked and returned. Autographs are those of Vernon Hauk and Palle Morgensen, scientific leaders of the 1957-58 and 1958-59 expeditions. Cover submitted by William Schneider, Metuchen, N. J.

Precancel NEWS

Kenneth M. Gierhart
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YOU ASKED FOR IT

Mart Slotnick of Eastchester, N.Y. writes that what I say is fine about no gum on precancels but I should help him convince stamp collectors that no gum would be good for them. Well, I think Mr. Linn in his editorial covered this pretty thoroughly recently and that it will be a long hard pull to get that put over.

With precancel collectors, though, it's different. Ever since I have been collecting precancels — and that's about 40 years now — gum meant nothing on precancels, for which we in the precancel field give a great big "THANKS".

To Harold Groth of Los Gatos, Calif.: In Gunesch 2nd edition of the Town List, East Syracuse, N.Y. is shown. This is the only list I checked on. I am sure it's in the old Hoover catalog, although I did not check.

To Michael Bremer, Woodbridge, N.J. who has a ½c Prexy Bureau from Nevada, Iowa. He wants to know if there is some town by this name or if it's some sort of an error: No, it's NO error.

There is a Nevada, Iowa and it has used many precancels both Local and Bureaus. Right off hand I can think of two more towns by the name of Nevada. One is in Missouri, and I have been in the one in Ohio.

NOTES

Monclova, Ohio now has a U-131 Type. The former style was U-120 wide. From a collector in the South I have seen copies of what is apparently an error, from Emory University, Ga.

The printers split the "UNIVERSITY" and in doing so got the first part "UNV" and the second part (which is on the bottom line) "SITY". The type was u-121 wide. It looks like a 25-subject stamp, and I know that more than one stamp has the error — how many more I do not know.

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Notes From The Italian Area

Pierson Ostrow

New brooms and new ministers sweep clean — the reason for some of the inexplicable changes in Italy's recent philatelic program has been made plain by Renato Russo, writing in the current issue of "Il Bolletino Filatelico" in Italy. It appears that the old Minister of Posts, Simonini, has been replaced by a new appointee, Spataro.

He forthwith cancelled many of the plans of his predecessor and of the Council of Ministers itself, a procedure which appears to be creating something of a minor scandal.

It would now seem that the stamps in honor of Giusti, Ferrini, Lombroso, and the 40th Anniversary of the International Labor Organization will never be issued. On the other hand, plans proceed for the pre-Olympic series and the set of five adhesives to note the Risorgimento battles of 1859.

Signor Russo accuses Minister Spataro of an excessive clericalism in killing some of the other planned commemoratives. He points to the fact that Italy has already issued an excessive number of stamps in honor of various saints. Re refers sharply to Spataro's arrival in office "by way of the Seminary" (through the influence of the Vatican), and comments acidly on discarding stamps in favor of the International Labor Office when Italy is a nation whose constitution proclaims that it is "founded on labor".

Meanwhile, the Risorgimento set remained on schedule for June 24. It will coincide with the visit of French President De Gaulle and Italy's President Gronchi to the battlefields of Magenta and Solferino, where armies of the two nations fought as allies against the Austrians.

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In line with Linn's policy of complying fully with all Federal regulations against aiding the communists to infiltrate American philately, a query was directed to the Treasury Department regarding the stamps of Outer Mongolia. The official reply follows:

"You are advised that dealings by Americans in such stamps are not prohibited by the Foreign Assets Control Regulations, provided there is no reason to believe there has been any interest of communist China or North Korea therein. Accordingly, this office has no objection to your accepting in your publication advertisements for such stamps. (Signed) Edwin F. Rains, Acting Director".

June 26-28—American Air Mail Society, Hotel LaSalle, Chicago, Ill. Jack Knight Airmail Society, Host.

June 27-28—Southwest Kansas Regional Exhibition, Hotel Parrish, Pratt, Kans. Kansas Precancel Society, host.

July 9-12—"RUTPEX '59", Rutland County Stamp Club, Christ The King School Auditorium, Route 7, Rutland, Vt.

July 16—Eastern Suffolk Stamp Club, First Methodist Church, East Main St., Riverhead, L. I., N. Y., 4-10 p.m.

July 18-19—Missouri-Kansas Mid-Summer Philatelic Jamboree, Town House, Kansas City, Kans.

Aug. 7-9—American First Day Cover Society, Hotel Pt. Selby, Detroit, Mich.

Aug. 13-16—Precancel Stamp Society, Inc., Pt. Harrison Hotel, Clearwater, Fla.

Aug. 13-16—Society Philatelic Americans, Hotel Sinton, Cincinnati, Ohio. Philatelic Society of Cincinnati, Inc., Host.

The Use Of Color Slides In Troop And Club Programs

Alfred Cettie

The success of a Scout Troop, a club or other organization—industrial, fraternal or philatelic—depends much on program. It is not the intention of this writer to delve into more than just one item that may be of help along the lines of arranging a program for club or troop meetings. What I am going to talk about is color slides and their program value in many respects.

For the philatelic organization, especially those that have chapters and units in various parts of the country, the color slide library is of twofold value. Once started and on its way, it is much in demand. Slides need not be limited to the strictly technical type, which in this case would be closeup pictures of well-known philatelic rarities, magnified images of errors and forgeries, and specialized items from the collections of members.

They should include the more generalized pictures of pages, frames and exhibits from the collections of the members themselves. The color and arrangement, the captions and writeup, all tend to help the novice member to be a good exhibitor and a better collector.

Pictures of members, officials and groups either at the club meetings or at the stamp show, either posed or candid, are all acceptable in the color slide program. We can even go farther than that, and with increased interest.

Travel slides of interesting vacation trips or visits to philatelic exhibitions in other cities, are very acceptable, especially if the "story" arrangement shows the whole journey of a member or group of members in slides, and the things and the places they saw and enjoyed. All these have a place in the slide program for the philatelic club.

One such Color Slide Library has been launched by the Scouts On Stamps Society International, with this writer as librarian. This society has many chapters and units in the United States and Canada, and many members in all or most all of the countries in the world that have Scouting as we know it.

These units meet at intervals from once a month to every three or four months, even though it means journeys of many miles for some of the members.

The library is being built up of slides loaned or donated by the members of the club, who are, for the greater part, Scouters, Scout Leaders, and parents both present and past, who are interested in Scouting for Boys and Girls. Some of the older aged group Scouts and Junior Leaders are also "Junior Members".

Many of these supporters have color slides of their own Scouting experiences and some of their own family activities in Scouting. Some have pictures of items from their own collections of "Scouts On Stamps". It is our hope that many of them will lend some of their slides to the SOS Color Slide Library, so that others may also enjoy them.

We now have available to the SOS Color Slide Library about 300 or more slides. Many are of Scout Philately, others are of exhibits at nationally known stamp shows, and many of them are extremely interesting travel slides, completely made up in sets of from 20 to 50 slides.

To list just a few on hand, we have: "Full View Scout First Day Covers" by Thorsen; "Frames of Six Pages" SOS material, Juhasz and Cettie; "VICPEX", the CPS Centennial Show at Victoria, B.C., 1958 with slides of the ten gold medal winning frames of one of our members; the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs exhibition at Vancouver B.C. showing the bronze medal winner of Scouts On Stamps, also owned by one of our members.

Both of the last two groups have travel slides in connection with them. We also have the 1958 Chief Seattle Council's "Scoutlatch" where one can see the Post Office and philatelic booth where the Scout Event cover (April 1958) was launched.

The aims and objects of this slide program are many. By the interchange of these slides we hope to become better members and a society better knit together. Through this program we shall see how the other fellow mounts his Scouts On Stamps and what he is most interested in, and thereby gain knowledge.

We shall see the beauty of these Scouts On Stamps in glorious color, and thereby have pleasure. We shall see what these members to whom we have been writing and with whom we have been trading and voting into office, look like and thereby become better acquainted.

We can show our album pages, philatelic vacations and the wonders we have seen and share our experiences with others. We can see the Jamborees that we have been unable to attend, the projects and the wonders of "Scouting" and thereby become better Scouts.

There are those who fear to take pictures of stamps in color due to a federal law prohibiting that practice. I may say here that this law has been changed by the Congress of the United States and it is now permissable to do this for educational purposes, but not for sale.

Watch the "SOS Journal" for further news on the Color Slide Library, and in the meantime, get your donation or loans of slides in to your librarian—Alfred Cettie, 3829 Woodlawn Ave., Seattle 3, Wash., and please be sure to include complete descriptions.

UN Revalues Old 4c Postal Cards

Recent developments at the United Nations, New York, include revaluing the old 4c postal card, the scheduling of a new 5c postal card for airmail and a 7c airmail envelope, recent FDC totals, reprintings of some regulars, and a change in the December 10 new issue from the scheduled Human Rights to a World Refugee Year stamp (apparently a single).

The stocks remaining (1,119,000) of the 4c airmail postal card, issued May 27, 1957 and printed in a quantity of 1,750,000, have been revalued to 5c, to conform with prevailing postal rates. The cards have been revalued by a steel die, the imprint of which consists of the UN wreath containing the text "1 CENT", according to examples submitted by R. K. Strite, Hollis, N. Y. and Eddie Mendlowitz, New York City. The revalued cards have been on sale since June 5.

The UN Postal Administration also announced that a new 5c airmail postal card will be issued September 21. The design of the stamp on it will be similar to that of the 5c airmail stamp, and its color will be red. On the same date a 7c airmail embossed envelope in both standard and legal sizes will be issued.

The design of the embossed stamp, in blue and white, is similar to that of the 7c airmail stamp, and the envelopes will be sold at 8c each. Instructions to collectors regarding the purchase of first day covers will be announced approximately six weeks before the date of issue.

As a result of the first day of issue of the Economic Commission for Europe stamp May 18, the grand total of 433,549 covers received first day of issue cancellation.

Reprints of Regular Issue—The 50c regular stamp issued November 16, 1951 was reprinted for the third time in April 1959 in a quantity of 600,000. A fourth printing of the value originally issued October 24, 1951, took place in June 1959, also in a quantity of 600,000.

Change in Tentative 1959 Stamp Program—Instead of the Human Rights Day issue, scheduled for December 10 the UNPA has announced that a stamp will be issued in honor of the World Refugee Year. Promotion of the World Refugee Year (June 28, 1959 — July 1, 1960) was recommended by the UN General Assembly as a practical means of securing increased assistance for refugees throughout the world.

Dealers' Night At Next Chicago Philatelic Meet

The Chicago Philatelic Society will observe dealers' night at its July 2 meeting in the Sherman Hotel, Chicago.

Leo Eaton will discuss market values and the subject of predicting prices. Another Chicago dealer, John Ross, will relate his experiences in Europe on his recent trip, if able to be back in Chicago by July 2.

Col. Schrader Heads Chicago Collectors Club

Col. Otto M. Schrader, 1253 W. Foster Ave., Chicago 40, Ill., was elected president of the Collectors Club of Chicago at a recent business session of the organization.

The board of governors for the new year is composed of J. P. Steindler, Bradford Gill, and C. F. Meroni, all of Chicago.

Sweden Honors Von Heidenstam

To celebrate the centenary of the birth of Verner von Heidenstam, the Swedish Post Office will issue on July 6 two new postal stamps of 15 ore and 1 Krona, respectively. Designed by artist Stig Asberg and engraved by Arne Wallhorn, the 15o. will be red and 1Kr. bluish gray. The stamps will be furnished in coils of 100 (perforated on two sides). The 15o. will also be available in booklets of 20 (perf on three sides).

The Swedish Academy declared, when in 1916 it awarded the Nobel Prize for literature to the poet Verner von Heidenstam, that he had introduced a new era in Swedish literature. There was no exageration in that statement.

The poet thus broke with the naturalistic aestheticism that was cherished in the 1880's and with the impulses—many times of foreign origin—that had set their stamp on the cultural debate. In his mature years Heidenstam created a series of the most beautiful works in Swedish poetry.

In his great historical epics "Karolinerna" and "Folke Filbyter", the reader finds the national tone, which for Heidenstam's contemporaries and the following generation came to represent the particular mark of Heidenstam's poetry.

Unlisted Korean Variety Reported

Norman W. Townsend

A new major unlisted variety of the 1946 Provisional Issue of Korea has been discovered. It is a 5 cheun on the 40 sen, dark violet, issued under United States Military Rule. This is the third variety of this issue.

The other two are the 20ch. on 27s. (Scott's No. 58a), and the 30ch. on 6s. (No. 59a). The new variety has been expertized and pronounced genuine by the Philatelic Foundation and the Freidl Expert Committee. One sheet of 100 is known to exist.

In March of 1949 a U. S. Army officer stationed in Korea, purchased 30 of this variety from a Korean collector who stated that in February he had purchased a quantity of stamps at the Branch Post Office in Seoul.

Asking for 20 sheets of the 10ch. on 40s. (No. 57) he had been amazed to find that one of the sheets had a 5ch. overprint. Never having seen or heard of this variety, he tried to secure more of them. No more were found or are known to exist.

The American officer inquired as to the balance of the sheet and was told that 25 stamps had been sold to a fellow Korean collector, 25 to an American or British officer, and 20 to another American.

An unsuccessful attempt was made to locate the owners of the balance of the sheet. Where these copies are now is unknown. Recently about 25 copies of this variety came on the American market.

This set, authorized by the U. S. Military Government, was issued early in 1946. Available stocks of Japanese stamps were surcharged. Originally five stamps were revalued and released, Scott's Nos. 56-60. Then, unexpectedly, another 5ch. on 5s. (No. 55) appeared.

Either by a misinterpretation of order or by mistake, 1250 sheets had been surcharged. There was no need for two 5ch. values in view of the imminent release of the Independence Issue. These mistakes and varieties dramatize the confusion and difficulties of that postal era in Korea.

Ravenswood Sets Show Date Late In September

The Ravenswood Stamp Club of Chicago, Ill. will hold its annual stamp exhibition September 26-27, at the club quarters 4219 Lincoln Ave., Chicago.

Full details will be published in due time; for the present interested collectors may contact Herman Nordlinger, 5324 N. Bernard St., Chicago 25, Ill.

Dealer ★ ★ Doings

R. G. Provost, principal of the firm of that name of Box 398, Schenectady, N. Y., reports that during July-August-September operations will be conducted from summer quarters at Box 85, Diamond Point, N. Y., in the Lake George section of the Adirondacks. This is just 60 miles north of Schenectady, and vacationing stampers with collections to sell will be welcome.

Montalto Stamp Outlet, 116 Country Village Lane, East Islip, N. Y. has assembled its 9th miniature auction mail sale which will be held July 15. The firm also publishes monthly special offer bulletins and illustrated new price lists frequently. Collectors who want interesting things out of the cut-and-dried class should write for these free lists of offers.

The long familiar ads—from an inch to a full page—which William Laubscher the mixture man of Box 383, Painesville, Ohio has been displaying in Linn's for so long will be missing for about a month. "A long needed vacation," he explained, "but I'll be back in harness after July 20. Please advise my many wonderful customers that I'll answer their mail after that."

Gory's—not "gory" — diggings from his own (philatelic) graveyard are the startling offers to be found in the unusual yet interestingly phrased stamp listings in Gory's Stamps offers in the classified columns. The firm at 1097 Bannerman, Winnipeg 4, Canada offers "Boothilll Bargains" galore, including one "300-stamp graveyard" at $1. The firm's ad is rather more than "interesting".

Cachet Marks 25th Year Rutland Show

"RUTPEX '59", the silver anniversary exhibition of the Rutland County (Vt.) Stamp Club, will be held July 9-12 at the Christ the King School auditorium, U. S. Route 7, Rutland, Vt. The special anniversary banquet is scheduled for the 11th.

The philatelic event will tie in with several other undertakings which mark the 350th anniversary of the discovery of Lake Champlain by Samuel de Champlain in 1609, some two months before Hudson located the Hudson River. Several important national philatelic societies are cooperating in the stamp event.

The Court of Honor will feature Cardinal Spellman's Vatican collection commemorating the city's 30 years of issuing stamps. Also present in this section will be official Swiss and Egyptian displays, through the cooperation of Ernest A. Kehr, and a United States Post Office Department presentation. On July 11 a U. S. 24c airimail invert and a cover bearing a Brattleboro Postmaster's Provisional will be shown.

Special cacheted covers, in colors, with the official Champlain Festival insignia, are offered at 10c each, three for 25c, posted on any of the four days of the celebration.

Orders may be sent to Champlain Covers, 92 Meadow St., Rutland, Vt. The Seaway or the July 4 Flag stamp will be used. Purchasers are requested to specify the date(s) of cancellation(s) desired.

June 26—Robern Stamp Co., Inc., Shirley, L. I., N. Y. Large lots and accumulations.

June 26—C. Griffiths, Box 44, Millersville, Pa. Wide showing of gen. fgn.

June 27—Stampazine 109 W. 43rd St., New York 36. U. S., Br. Cols., gen. incl. covers of the world.

June 29—Mitty Stamp Co., 116 Nassau St., New York 38. Polar material; FDC's; Civil War; fgn.

June 30-July 1—F. R. Ferryman, 505 5th Ave., U. S. and fgn.; 2000 lots incl. specialized.

July — Counter Service, 2042 Eagle View, Colorado Springs, Colo. Big showing of South America. Data on request.

July 2—Herman Herst, Jr., Shrub Oak, N. Y. Philatelic Literature, U. S. stamps.

July 6-9—H. R. Harmer, Inc., 6 W. 48th St., New York 36. Final sale of season, incl. large gen. auction.

July 7—S. Pinchot, 3206 Fairfield Ave., New York 63. U.S. VF to S high vals., early commems, airs, zepps.

July 15—Montalto Stamp Outlet, 116 County Village Lane, Islip, N. Y. Miniature sale.

July 15-16—Equitable Stamp Co., Inc., 508 5th Ave., New York 17, N. Y. U. S., Br. Empire, many high vals.

July 28—Pasadena Stamp Co., Box 5127, Pasadena, Calif. U. S., UN, British, fgn.

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